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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, TW, US  
SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST AD ON POLITICAL OPPRESSION IN TAIWAN

REF: STATE 009024 (NOTAL)

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NO PAST RECORD OF ALLEGED ARRESTEES  
TS'AI YU -LUNG (5591/5940/7127) OR SUNG TUNG-WEN (1345/2639/2429),  
THEIR CASE HAS RECENTLY BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF  
AN EMBASSY OFFICER BY AN AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENT HERE WHO  
WE BELIEVE MAY HAVE PROVIDED MUCH OF THE INFORMATION ON  
WHICH THE ADVERTISEMENT WAS BASED. ACCORDING TO THIS  
STUDENT, TS'AI AND SUNG WERE TANCHIANG COLLEGE STUDENTS  
OR GRADUATES, WERE BOTH INDUCTED INTO THE MILITARY LAST  
SUMMER, AND ARRESTED LATE LAST YEAR, PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER.  
IN ADDITION, THE AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENT CLAIMS A THIRD PERSON  
NAMED HUAN CH'AO-CHOU (7800/2600/3166) WAS ALSO ARRESTED AT  
ROUGHLY THE SAME TIME AND WAS ALSO A TANCHIANG COLLEGE  
STUDENT INDUCTED INTO THE MILITARY LAST SUMMER. THE  
ARRESTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC HERE, NOR DOES THE  
AMERICAN STUDENT KNOW THE REASON FOR THEM. SHE IDENTIFIED  
ONLY TSAI AS A CAMPAIGN WORKER. (HUANG IS ALSO AN OCCASIONAL  
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AUTHOR OF ARTICLES IN THE POLITICAL MAGAZINE "HSIA CH'AO".  
LAST SUMMER THE MAGAZINE PUBLISHED A SERIES OF THREE ARTICLES  
BY HUANG ON THE BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE U.S.  
WE UNDERSTAND HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THIS SUBJECT MAY BE  
THE REASON THAT THE TELEVISION PROGRAM "ROOTS" HAS NOT  
YET BEEN SHOWN HERE DESPITE PUBLIC ADVERTISING THAT IT  
WOULD START RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS.)

2. COMMENT: THE ADVERTISEMENT STRIKES US AN EXAGGERATED  
AND SENSATIONAL ACCOUNT OF RECENT EVENTS IN TAIWAN. FOR  
EXAMPLE, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT "200 ARE  
BELIEVED ARRESTED" AFTER THE CHUNG LI RIOT. NEWSPAPER  
ACCOUNTS CURRENTLY CLAIM THREE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND  
TWENTY-EIGHT DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING. NOR HAS THE KMT  
BRANDED INDEPENDENT POLITICIANS WHO WON OFFICE ON PLATFORMS  
OF FAIR AND OPEN ELECTIONS AS "CRIMINALS."  
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